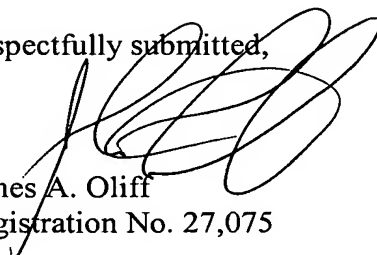


the pending claims appear to distinguish over the applied references, further consideration would be required pending an additional search.

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